

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H3179**

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TO:	The Honorable Jeffrey D. "Jeff" Duncan, Chairman, House Agriculture, Natural Resource & Environmental Affairs Committee		
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SUBJECT:	South Carolina Farm to School Program Act		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3179 adds Section 59-10-400 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976 which creates the South Carolina Farm to School Program within the SC Department of Agriculture. The purpose of the program is to foster a direct relationship between SC farms and schools so as to provide schools with fresh and minimally-processed foods for student consumption.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Agriculture

The Department reports that this new program would cost approximately \$124,200 in the first year and \$99,200 each year thereafter. Recurring costs include the salary and fringes for 1.00 program director (\$79,200) and operating expenses of \$20,000. One-time costs include \$15,000 for website development and \$10,000 for office equipment. General Fund costs could be reduced to the extent that the Department is able to obtain grants and donations; however, the Department indicates that while federal grants might be available for specific projects it is not likely that such funds would be available for program administration and general operating expenses.

Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)

The Department indicates that costs associated with support of this program would be \$2,293 annually.

Department of Education

The Department estimates that any costs associated with coordination and consultation with the Department of Agriculture would be minimal and would be absorbed by the agency.

Approved by:



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